

such reasons, I am unable to approve this Bill as to form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

(s) FRANCIS B. BURCH,

Attorney General.

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**House Bill No. 991 Garrett County—Merit System**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 (f) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to provide that the County Commissioners of Garrett County, pursuant to the express powers contained in this section, shall take immediate steps to establish and implement a merit system covering the appointment of all county officials and employees of Garrett County, who are not elected or appointed under the Constitution or public general laws of this State TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SCOPE OF A PROPOSED MERIT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF GARRETT COUNTY AND TO REQUIRE A REPORT OF SUCH STUDY TO BE MADE.

May 4, 1967.

Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 991 and am returning it to you.

This bill would authorize the County Commissioners of Garrett County to appoint a committee to study the establishment of a merit system for county employees. I am informed by the Attorney General that the bill is lacking in form and legal sufficiency. For the reasons given in the attached copy of his opinion, which is to be considered a part of this message, I am compelled to veto the measure.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.